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AUSTIN GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY
December 1982 Newsletter

NEXT MEETING: Monday, January 10 at Enid Hallock's, 4001 Cherrywood, 477-0858. Please bring refreshments. We will vote on new officers and bylaws changes (see below). We will also talk about a 1983-84 show selection.

MINUTES December 6 Meeting: Treasurer, Sharon Kite reported that the bank was starting to charge per check on our account. We write very few checks, so this is a small expense. However, other banks will be considered.

The slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee (S. Kite, G. White, and E. Hallock) was accepted.

President	Reba Gillman
Exec. Vice Pres.	Katharine Shields
Production V. P.	(Catharine Brock) Gail White
Publicity V. P.	Loel Graber
Treasurer	Sharon Kite
Secretary	Ken Mathews
Historian	Charles Vandervoort (Marian Boner)

Changes and updating of the bylaws were discussed. (See below for a summary of changes to be voted on at the next meeting.)

Cathy Brock reported on Gondoliers. May 19 will be the preview and run is May 20 - June 5. We will be in the theater May 14 or 15. Ticket prices will range from \$5.00 - \$6.50 (varying by day). There will be the set stage arrangement with a house of approximately 175. Some items in the budget were increased by the Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation. We will have the grant to pay the director, music director, etc. We will need to sell ads to defray the cost of the program. There was a lengthy discussion about audition dates. Zachary Scott had already routinely set them as April 4, 5, & 6, however that would be too late. Auditions will be in late February and early March.

Recommendations for a 1983-84 show need to be in to Zachary Scott by the end of January.

ABSTRACT OF BYLAW CHANGES: The purpose of the Society is defined more specifically.

A sentence is added to the Membership Section to allow for adding categories of membership.

The Officers Section is rewritten so that publishing qualifications of candidates is optional.

The requirement of a monthly meeting of the Executive Board is deleted.

The Finances Section 9E is rewritten to eliminate the annual budget, but rather require advance member approval for expenditures as they arise.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP LIST: Attached is your copy of the current membership list. Please contact me with any corrections you may have.

Unless there are some surprises at the next meeting, this will be my last newsletter. So maybe I will start something that may or may not be carried on by my successor-- G. & S. Quote of the Month. "Of happiness the very pith In Barataria you may see: A monarchy that's tempered with Republican Equality!" Gondoliers, Men's Chorus, Act II

Sincerely,
Katharine
Katharine Shields
Secretary

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Bylaws Changes for Vote at January 10, 1983 Meeting

Section 2. Purpose to read

The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Austin, Texas, Inc. is organized exclusively for educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

These educational purposes also include production and encouragement of production of the Gilbert and Sullivan Operas and excerpts thereof, in the traditional manner; and the study of the lore of Gilbert and Sullivan and the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company.

Section 3. Membership to read

Any person interested in the Savoy Operas shall be eligible for membership and upon payment of prescribed dues shall be enrolled as a member of the Society.

The organization may establish categories of membership, such categories to be established by vote.

Section 5D. Officers to read beginning from the third sentence

Notice of all announced candidates, including but not limited to the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee, shall be published in the newsletter preceding the Annual Meeting. A brief statement of qualifications for office of each candidate may be included. Additional nominations etc, as is.

Section 7. Executive Board

Strike "monthly" from the third sentence.

Section 9E. Finances to read

Expenditures beyond those required for the monthly newsletter shall be submitted in advance to the membership for approval. In situations where an expenditure must be made prior to a regular monthly meeting, approval may be granted by three of the following four officers: president, executive vice president, treasurer, and secretary.

Section 10. Procedure add

A quorum shall be the members present and voting.

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The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Austin, Texas, Inc.

Section 1. Name.

The name of this organization shall be The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Austin, Texas, Inc. (hereafter called "the Society").

Section 2. Purpose.

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Section 3. Membership.

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Section 4. Membership Meetings.

A. There shall be regular monthly meetings of the Society, with advance notice of time and location given to all members. The **January** meeting shall be designated as the Annual Meeting.

B. The ultimate authority for Society action shall reside in the membership, which shall have the authority to overrule the decision of any sub-unit of the Society.

Section 5. Officers.

A. There shall be seven (7) officers of the Society: a President, an Executive Vice President, a Production Vice President, a Publicity Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Historian-Parliamentarian.

B. All officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and shall hold office for one year or until their successors take office. Officers may succeed themselves. Officers shall take office upon adjournment of the meeting at which they were elected.

C. In case of vacancy in the office of President, the Executive Vice President shall become President automatically. Vacancies in the other offices shall be filled by special election at the next regular membership meeting.

D. A Nominating Committee, consisting of at least three members, shall be elected at a membership meeting at least two months before the Annual Meeting. It shall present a slate of candidates for officers at the Annual Meeting. Notice of all announced candidates, including but not limited to the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee,

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together with a brief statement of qualifications for office of each candidate, shall be published in the newsletter preceding the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. Self-nomination shall be allowed. Election shall be by majority vote of the members present and voting. In the event that no candidate for an office receives a majority on the first ballot, a runoff election shall be held at the same meeting between the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes on the first ballot. Members must pay Society dues to be eligible to vote or hold office in the Society.

Section 6. Duties of Officers.

A. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Society, shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board, shall coordinate activities of the Society, and shall be ex officio the chair of the Program Committee.

B. The Executive Vice President shall assist the President and, in the absence or inability of the President, shall perform the duties of the President; he or she shall also be ex officio the chair of the Membership Committee.

C. The Production Vice President shall be the artistic advisor to the Executive Board, and shall be ex officio the chair of the Productions Committee.

D. The Public Relations Vice President shall provide news of the Society to the media, and shall be ex officio the chair of the Publicity Committee.

E. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings of the Society and of the Executive Board, shall conduct Society correspondence not specifically assigned to others, and shall be ex officio the chair of the Newsletter Committee.

F. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society and shall deposit them in such bank or banks as may be designated by the Society; shall disperse these funds by check in accordance with the approved budget; shall make regular reports to the Executive Board and to the membership; and shall be ex officio the chair of the Fundraising Committee and a member of the Productions Committee.

G. The Historian-Parliamentarian shall maintain a scrapbook containing reviews of productions, records of activities, and records of membership; shall advise the President on matters of parliamentary procedure; and shall be ex officio the chair of the Historical Committee.

Section 7. Executive Board.

The Executive Board (or Board of Directors) shall consist of all elected officers of the Society. It shall carry on the day to day business of the Society between meetings of the membership, and shall report its activities at the next membership meeting of the Society. It shall meet monthly or upon call of the President or any three officers. Actions of the Executive Board must be approved by a majority of the total Executive Board.

Section 8. Committees.

The Executive Board shall be assisted in its duties by such Committees as it may establish, including but not limited to the following Standing Committees:

- A. The Program Committee, which shall decide on the program for membership meetings, subject to the approval of the membership.
- B. The Membership Committee, which shall welcome new members and seek additional membership.
- C. The Productions Committee, which shall plan and coordinate the productions of the Society.
- D. The Publicity Committee, which shall place announcements of meetings, projects, and productions in the media.
- E. The Newsletter Committee, which shall produce a monthly newsletter sent to all members providing notice of meeting times and places and a summary of Society business information.
- F. The Fundraising Committee, which shall seek revenue sources to support the activities of the Society.
- G. The Historical Committee, which shall provide historical information pertaining to the Savoy Operas.

Section 9. Finances.

- A. The Fiscal Year shall be January 1 to December 31. The Treasurer shall be responsible for a complete financial report covering the previous fiscal year, to be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- B. Dues shall be \$5.00 for regular membership, and \$2.50 for associate membership. Both regular and associate members shall have full rights of membership. Associate membership is available for the second and succeeding members from a given mailing address who do not wish to receive additional newsletters; such associate membership shall run concurrent with the regular membership from that address.
- C. Dues for all members and associate members are payable in September of each year. The Treasurer shall be responsible for collection and proration of dues.
- D. Checks shall be signed by the Treasurer of the Society. In the absence of the Treasurer the President may sign.
- E. The Executive Board shall submit to the membership for approval a provisional annual budget, and such additional production budgets as shall be necessary. The provisional annual budget shall be submitted at the regular membership meeting in November-December and shall take effect at the Annual Meeting.

Section 10. Procedure.

The parliamentary authority for this Society shall be the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

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Section 11. Amendments.

These By-Laws may be amended by the following process:

A. Amendments must be introduced in writing at a regular monthly membership meeting. They shall be freely circulated among the membership, and published in the next newsletter (in abstract form if over one typed page in length).

B. Amendments must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the members present and voting at the regular monthly membership meeting held during the month following introduction of the amendment.

Section 12. Implementing By-Laws.

A. These By-Laws shall take effect upon approval of a majority of those present and voting at the April 4, 1977, meeting of the Austin Gilbert and Sullivan Society.

B. Election of officers enumerated in these By-Laws shall take place immediately after adoption of the By-Laws. The initial officers shall hold office only until the Annual Meeting in September, 1977.

C. Dues paid to the Austin Gilbert and Sullivan Society shall be deemed to be dues paid to the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Austin, Texas, Inc., and shall be valid for membership until the anniversary of the date paid.